(e) the details of action taken/contemplated against those responsible for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore have reported that consent letters for pension of 14 officials of Janak Puri Branch, New Delhi were inadvertently not forwarded by the branch to the Head Office in time.

(c) Bank has further reported that 14 letters/representations have been received by them since 1st April, 1999 in this regard.

(d) and (e) According to the bank, the Board of Trustees of Pension Fund of the Bank at their meeting held on 28.7.2000 have approved acceptance of the pension options of the said 14 officials. The bank is examining the question of fixing responsibility of the concerned officials responsible for the delay.

Non-disclosure of NPAs by SBI

1802. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether unlike other banks, SBI has so far avoided disclosing its NPAs in absolute numbers, as against a percentage of total lending; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) In its Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2000, State Bank of India has disclosed movement of NPAs, as per the norms prescribed by RBI.

(b) Does not arise.

Finalisation of Competition Policy

1803. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised any competition policy in view of the rapid liberalisation, globalization and privatisation undertaken by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):